

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 353

BY SENATORS MURRAY, ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BROOME, BROWN,
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JOHNS, KOSTELKA, LONG, MARTINY, MORRELL, MORRISH,
PEACOCK, PETERSON, GARY SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON
AND WARD

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Designates the month of March as Irish-American
Heritage Month. (8/1/12)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 49:170.17, relative to Irish-American Heritage Month; to designate the month
3 of March as Irish-American Heritage Month; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 49:170.17 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 **§170.17. Irish-American Heritage Month**

7 **A. The legislature does hereby recognize and acknowledge the following:**

8 **(1) A significant portion of our citizens are of Irish descent whose**
9 **ancestors immigrated from Ireland as a result of the potato famine in the 1840s,**
10 **settling in numerous locations throughout the state, often in neighborhoods**
11 **located near the Mississippi River such as the Irish Channel and the Third**
12 **Ward in New Orleans.**

13 **(2) A hard-working people, Irish tradition, culture, folklore, music, and**
14 **dedication to God and family, are reflected in the culture and mix of our state's**
15 **heritage and a source of great achievement and pride to persons of Irish descent**
16 **in Louisiana.**

17 **(3) It is the policy of this state to acknowledge and foster the varied**

1 **cultures and influences unique to our region and its people and to support the**
2 **aspirations of all who wish to retain their historical roots and culture while**
3 **continuing to improve their own economic conditions and that of our state.**

4 **B. In observance and recognition of the contributions and colorful**
5 **history of Irish in our state and to honor those of Irish descent in our state, the**
6 **legislature hereby designates the month of March of each year as "Irish-**
7 **American Heritage Month" in Louisiana.**

The original instrument was prepared by Thomas L. Tyler. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Alan Miller.

DIGEST

Murray (SB 353)

Proposed law designates the month of March each year as Irish-American Heritage Month.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 49:170.17)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes Legislative Bureau technical change.